

**Atlantic Agricultural Leadership Program**  
**Class 7**  
**North American Study Tour**  
**March 25 – April 1, 2007**

**Sunday, March 25, 2007**

enroute **Vince Kilfoil**, Chair, Atlantic Agricultural Leadership Program Inc. and  
 Vice-President, Agricultural Alliance of New Brunswick  
 late evening Arrive Ottawa and check-in to hotel

**Monday, March 26, 2007**

Chair for the Day: Carol Boonstoppel  
 Chair for the Evening: Paul Connors

- 7:30 a.m. **Guided Bus Tour of Ottawa**  
*To include Parliament Hill, Confederation Square, Supreme Court, Embassies, Prime Minister's Residence, Governor General's Residence, Notre Dame Basilica, ByWard Market and ending at Central Experimental Farm. Our tour guide will be Bob.*
- 9:00 a.m. **Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada**, 960 Carling Ave., K.W. Neatby Building,  
 - bus tour of Experimental Farm and overview of national research program  
*Don Leger and Dr. Marc Savard*
- 10:00 a.m. **Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada** briefings  
*Monique Rodier, Head, Policy Advice, Renewal Division*  
*Todd F. Hunter, Deputy Director, Trade Remedies and Export Competition*  
*Janice Vansickle, Executive Director, Branding Management, International Markets*  
*Julie Leese, Director, Client Relations, National Land and Water Information Service*
- 12:00 noon **Leaders Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. **Bank of Canada**  
*Carolyn Wilkins, Deputy Chief, Financial Markets Dept.*  
*Claude Lavoie, Project Coordination and Model Development, Research Dept.*  
*Marianne Johnson, U.S. – Mexico Division, International Dept.*
- 2:45 p.m. **Canadian Federation of Agriculture**  
*Bob Frieson, President*  
*Dr. Justin To, Executive Director*
- 4:00 p.m. **Canadian Farm Business Management Council**  
*Wendell Joyce, Executive Director*
- 6:00 p.m. Clearview Room
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| 6:00 p.m. | <b>Veterinary Drug and Pesticide Registrations</b><br><i>Nathalie St-Coeur and Marc Schurman</i> |
| 6:20 p.m. | <b>Agricultural Financing Approval</b><br><i>Jim Baillie and Janice Tait</i>                     |
| 6:40 p.m. | <b>Potato Acreage Management</b><br><i>Nicholas McCardle and Monique Mills</i>                   |
| 7:00 p.m. | <b>Dinner</b>  |
| 7:30 p.m. | <b>Class Meeting</b>   |
| 8:20 p.m. | <b>Employee Recruitment and Retention</b>  |

*Andrea Bourne and Jennifer van Oord*

8:40 p.m. **Food Tax**  
*Frank Dormody and Arthur Versloot*

## **Tuesday, March 27, 2007**

Chair for the Day: Frank Dormody

8:30 a.m. **Hon. Chuck Strahl, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada**  
9:00 a.m. **Wayne Easter, Federal Agriculture Critic** and Member of Standing  
Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food  
10:45 a.m. **TOUR: Parliament Hill – Centre Block**  
12:00 noon **Lunch in Parliamentary Dining Room**  
2:15 p.m. **Question Period**  
3:00 p.m. **Tours of Museums**  
7:30 p.m. Optional Activity at Your Expense: NHL game  
10:00 p.m. Depart for Ithaca, New York

## **Wednesday, March 28, 2007**

Chair for the Day: Janice Tait

~3:00 a.m. Check-in to hotel  
9:30 a.m. Meeting Room A

9:40 a.m. **Land Development**  
*Paul Connors and Kelly Cousins*

10:00 a.m. **Water Management**  
*Rodney MacWilliams and Ryan Weeks*

10:20 a.m. **Farm Succession**  
*Joanna Adams and David Bowlby*

10:50 a.m. break

11:00 a.m. **Joint Session with LEAD New York: Welcoming Remarks**  
*Judy Luton, Executive Director, Atlantic Agricultural Leadership Program*  
*Larry Van De Valk, Director, LEAD New York Program*

11:15 a.m. **New York Agriculture: Current Trends and Issues**  
*Dr. Nelson Bills, Dept of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University*

12:00 noon **Lunch**

12:45 p.m. **Regulation of Dairy Quota**  
*Carol Boonstoppel and Dianne Sinclair*

1:15 p.m. **LEAD NY Study Tour to Chile**

2:00 p.m. **Guided Bus Tour of Cornell campus** with Larry Van De Valk as guide

3:00 p.m. Depart for Washington DC

late evening Check-in to hotel

## **Thursday, March 29, 2007**

Chair for the Day: Nathalie St-Coeur

8:30 a.m. **Canadian Embassy: agricultural trade briefings**  
*Fred Gorrell, Agriculture and Trade Counsellor, Economic and Trade Policy Section*

10:30 a.m. **USDA Briefings**  
*Charles R. Conner, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture*

12:00 p.m. **Lunch in Agriculture Secretary's Dining Room, USDA**

- 2:00 p.m. **TOUR: Capitol Hill**  
 4:00 p.m. **Embassy of Chile: agricultural and tourism briefings**  
*Andrea Visconti, Trade Assistant, Agriculture Department*  
 5:30 p.m. **Dinner** at downtown Washington restaurant  
 7:30 p.m. **Guided Bus Tour of Washington**  
*Tour to include Embassy Row, the White House, Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, International Monetary Fund, World Bank, The Washington Monument, Vietnam and Korean War Memorials etc.*

## Friday, March 30, 2007

Chair for the Day: Marc Schurman

- 8:30 a.m. **National Milk Producers Federation**, 2101 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA  
 10:30 a.m. **U.S. Apple Association**, Hilton Hotel, 7920 Jones Branch Dr., McLean, VA  
*Shannon Schaffer, Manager, Membership and Communications*  
 1:30 p.m. **American Farm Bureau**, 600 Maryland Ave., SW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC  
*Dave Salmonsens – Senior Director, Congressional Relations*  
 2:30 p.m. **Smithsonian Museums** (self-guided)  
 6:30 p.m. **Group Dinner** and evening free

## Saturday, March 31, 2007 and Sunday, April 1, 2007

Travel home!!

- Enroute: **TOUR: Boyle Brothers Inc.** – a seed processing operation that was started in 1975. Today Boyle Brothers Inc. is one of the largest seed processing operations in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Jim Boyle is also a farmer, operating a 1,000 acre family grain farm. 500 Owens Road, Queen Anne, Maryland.  
*Our host: Jim Boyle, President of Boyle Brothers Inc. and graduate of LEAD Maryland.*